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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

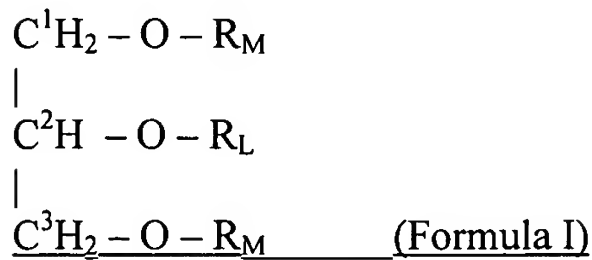
Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood ~~according to claim 1,~~ comprising triglycerides containing

a $R_M R_L R_M$ triglyceride as an effective component, having Formula I:

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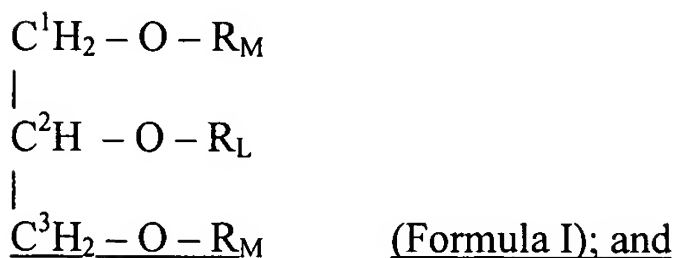


wherein R_M is an acyl group of a saturated medium chain fatty acid having 8 to 10 carbon atoms, R_L is an acyl group of a monounsaturated long chain fatty acid having 16 to 18 carbon atoms, C^1 is the first carbon of the triglyceride, C^2 is the second carbon of the triglyceride, and C^3 is the third carbon of the triglyceride,

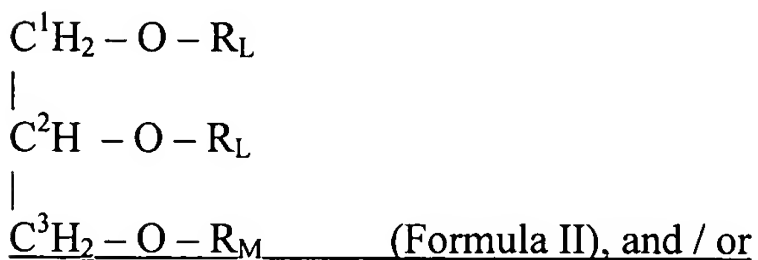
wherein containing the $\text{R}_\text{M}\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{M}$ triglyceride is contained in an amount of 5 to 25 mass %.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood ~~according to claim 2,~~ comprising triglycerides containing

a $\text{R}_\text{M}\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{M}$ triglyceride as an effective component, having Formula I:

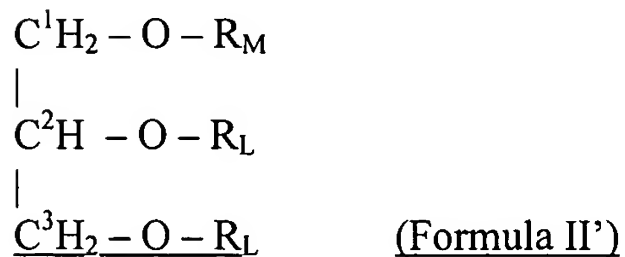


a $\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{M}$ triglyceride having Formula II:



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a $R_M R_L R_L$ triglyceride having Formula II':



wherein R_M is an acyl group of a saturated medium chain fatty acid having 8 to 10 carbon atoms, R_L is an acyl group of a monounsaturated long chain fatty acid having 16 to 18 carbon atoms, C^1 is the first carbon of the triglyceride, C^2 is the second carbon of the triglyceride, and C^3 is the third carbon of the triglyceride, and

wherein containing the $R_L R_L R_M$ triglyceride and / or the $R_M R_L R_L$ triglyceride is contained
in an amount of 45 to 65 mass %.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim [[1]] 6, which is contained in a food selected from [[a]] the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A food selected from [[a]] the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods, containing a fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim [[1]] 6.

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Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (canceled)

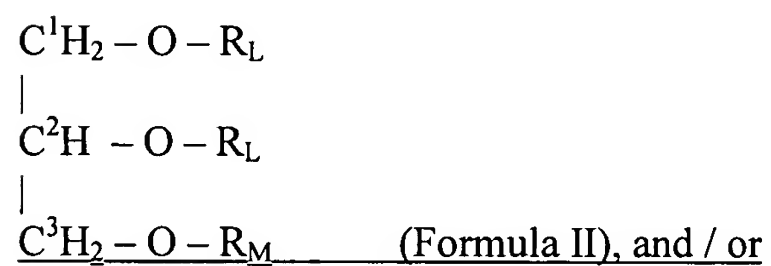
Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (canceled)

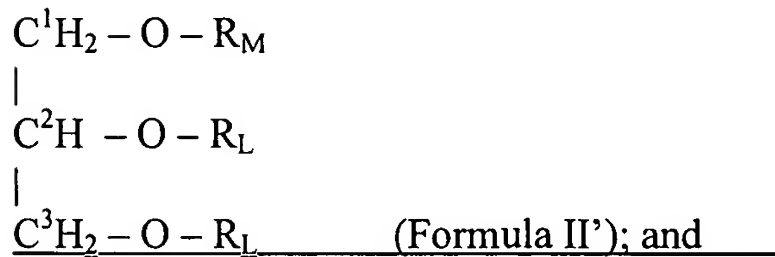
Claim 15 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood
~~according to claim 11, comprising triglycerides containing~~

a $R_L R_L R_M$ triglyceride as an effective component having Formula II:

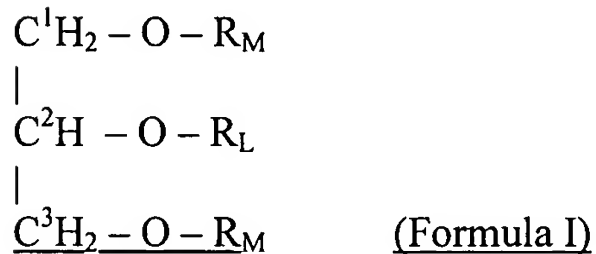


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a $R_M R_L R_L$ triglyceride having Formula II':



a $R_M R_L R_M$ triglyceride having Formula I:



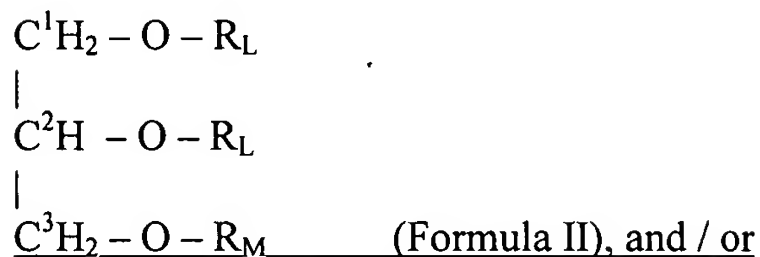
wherein R_M is an acyl group of a saturated medium chain fatty acid having 8 to 10 carbon atoms, R_L is an acyl group of a monounsaturated long chain fatty acid having 16 to 18 carbon atoms, C^1 is the first carbon of the triglyceride, C^2 is the second carbon of the triglyceride, and C^3 is the third carbon of the triglyceride,

wherein ~~containing~~ the $R_M R_L R_M$ triglyceride is contained in an amount of 5 to 25 mass %.

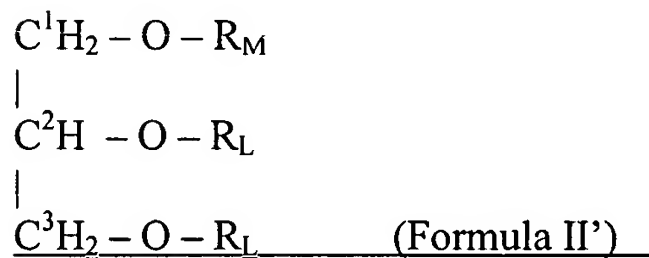
Claim 16 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood ~~according to claim 10, comprising triglycerides containing~~

a $R_L R_L R_M$ triglyceride as an effective component having Formula II:

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a $\text{R}_\text{M}\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{L}$ triglyceride having Formula II':



wherein R_M is an acyl group of a saturated medium chain fatty acid having 8 to 10 carbon atoms, R_L is an acyl group of a monounsaturated long chain fatty acid having 16 to 18 carbon atoms, C^1 is the first carbon of the triglyceride, C^2 is the second carbon of the triglyceride, and C^3 is the third carbon of the triglyceride, and

wherein containing the $\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{M}$ triglyceride and / or the $\text{R}_\text{M}\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{L}$ triglyceride is contained
in an amount of 45 to 65 mass %.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim [[10]] 15, which is contained in a food selected from [[a]] the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A food selected from [[a]] the group consisting of cooking

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oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods, containing a fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim ~~[[10]]~~ 15.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (canceled)

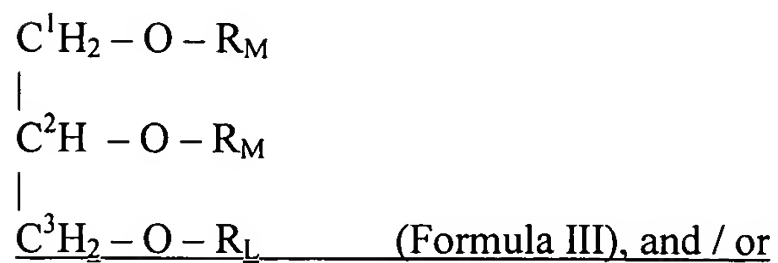
Claim 21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (canceled)

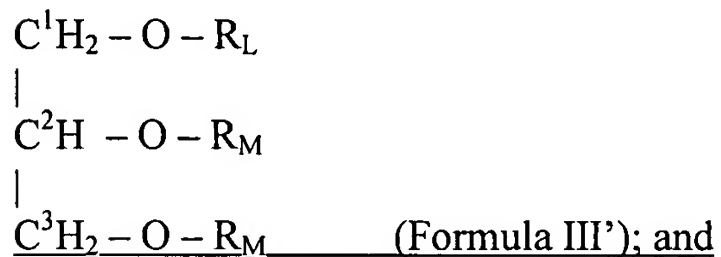
Claim 24 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood ~~according to claim 20, comprising triglycerides containing~~

a $R_M R_M R_L$ triglyceride as an effective component having Formula III:

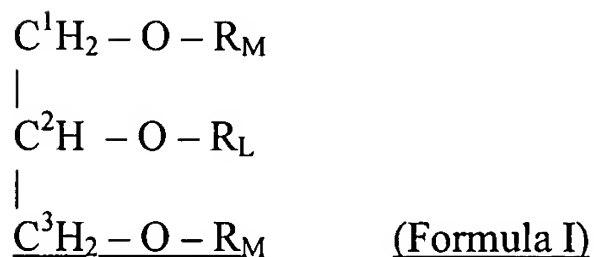


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a $R_L R_M R_M$ triglyceride having Formula III':



a $R_M R_L R_M$ triglyceride having Formula I:



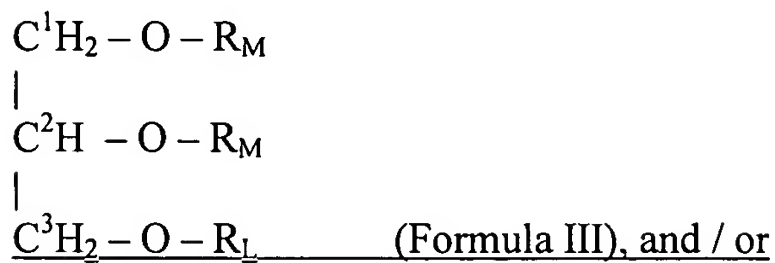
wherein R_M is an acyl group of a saturated medium chain fatty acid having 8 to 10 carbon atoms, R_L is an acyl group of a monounsaturated long chain fatty acid having 16 to 18 carbon atoms, C^1 is the first carbon of the triglyceride, C^2 is the second carbon of the triglyceride, and C^3 is the third carbon of the triglyceride, and

wherein ~~containing~~ the $R_M R_L R_M$ triglyceride is contained in an amount of 5 to 25 mass %.

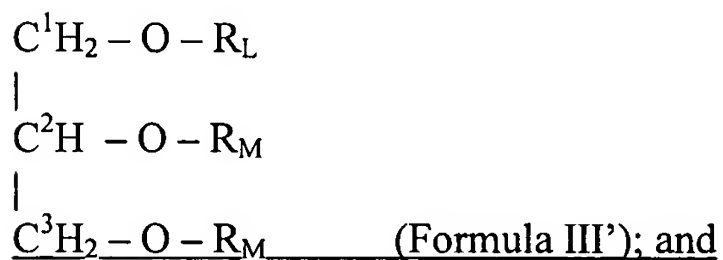
Claim 25 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood ~~according to claim 21, comprising triglycerides containing~~

a $R_M R_M R_L$ triglyceride as an effective component having Formula III:

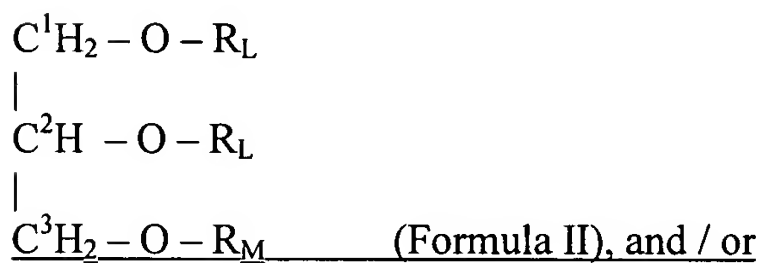
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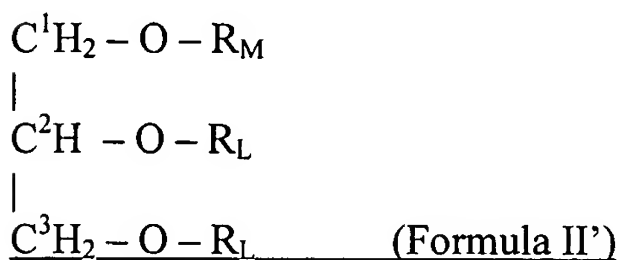
a $\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{M}\text{R}_\text{M}$ triglyceride having Formula III':



a $\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{M}$ triglyceride having Formula II:



a $\text{R}_\text{M}\text{R}_\text{L}\text{R}_\text{L}$ triglyceride having Formula II':



wherein R_M is an acyl group of a saturated medium chain fatty acid having 8 to 10 carbon atoms, R_L is an acyl group of a monounsaturated long chain fatty acid having 16 to 18 carbon atoms, C^1 is the first carbon of the triglyceride, C^2 is the second carbon of the triglyceride, and C^3 is the third carbon of the triglyceride, and

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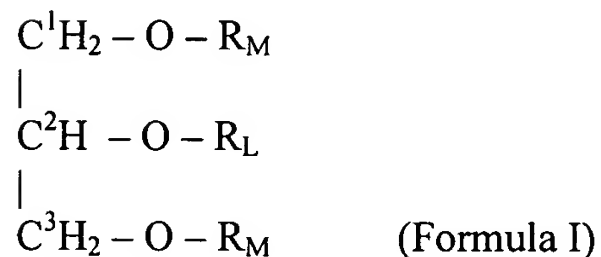
wherein ~~containing~~ the $R_L R_L R_M$ triglyceride and / or the $R_M R_L R_L$ triglyceride is contained
in an amount of 45 to 65 mass %.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim ~~[[19]]~~ 24, which is contained in a food selected from ~~[[a]]~~ the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A food selected from ~~[[a]]~~ the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods, containing a fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim ~~[[19]]~~ 24.

Claim 28 (original): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood comprising triglycerides containing:

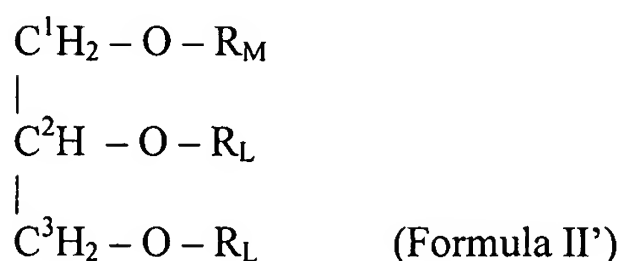
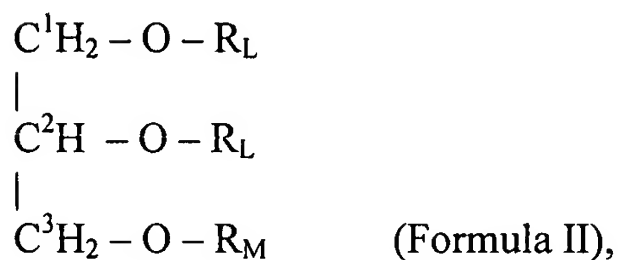
an $R_M R_L R_M$ triglyceride as an effective component, having Formula I:



wherein R_M is acyl group of caprylic acid, and R_L is acyl group of oleic acid, and the $R_M R_L R_M$

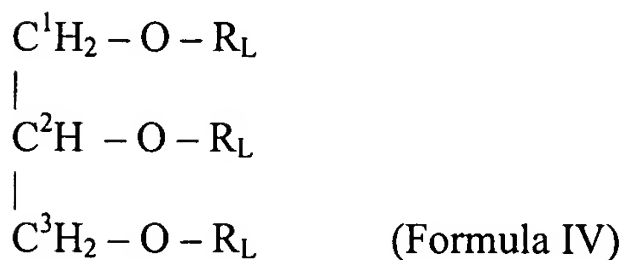
triglyceride is contained in an amount of 10 to 20 mass %,

an $R_L R_L R_M$ triglyceride having Formula II and / or an $R_M R_L R_L$ triglyceride having Formula II':



wherein R_M is acyl group of caprylic acid and R_L is acyl group of oleic acid, and the sum of the $R_L R_L R_M$ and $R_M R_L R_L$ triglycerides is contained in an amount of 49 to 59 mass %, and

an $R_L R_L R_L$ triglyceride having Formula IV:



wherein R_L is acyl group of oleic acid, the $R_L R_L R_L$ triglyceride is contained in an amount of 30 to 40 mass %,

wherein in the total mass of the acyl groups in the triglycerides, the acyl group of oleic acid is contained in an amount of 60 to 90 mass %, and the acyl group of caprylic acid is contained in an amount of 10 to 29 mass %, wherein in the total mass of the acyl groups of all the long carbon

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chain fatty acids in the triglycerides, the acyl group of oleic acid is contained in an amount of 70 to 99 mass %, and wherein in the total mass of all the acyl groups combined at the portions of the second carbon in the triglycerides, the acyl group of oleic acid is contained in an amount of 70 to 99 mass %.

Claim 29 (new): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim 7, which is contained in a food selected from the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods.

Claim 30 (new): A food selected from the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods, containing a fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim 7.

Claim 31 (new): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim 16, which is contained in a food selected from a group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods.

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Claim 32 (new): A food selected from the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods, containing a fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim 16.

Claim 33 (new): A fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim 25, which is contained in a food selected from the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods.

Claim 34 (new): A food selected from the group consisting of cooking oil, mayonnaise, mayonnaise related foods, margarine, dressing, bread, ice cream, confectionary, gelatine capsule and fried foods, containing a fats and oils composition for reducing lipids in blood according to claim 25.